

NOVOS Forum

Stockholm Jan 17-18, 2015



- Welcome!
- Not another course - interactive meeting
- Invitation to colleagues with passion for orthopedic surgery
- Costs
- Sponsors

- **Main sponsors:**

- Hill's Pet Nutrition
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- **Other sponsors:**

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- No compensations
- Chance to present studies
- Theme: Elbow Dysplasia
- Failures!
- Invited speakers:
 - Peter Böttcher
 - Sandy Anderson

- Why are we here?
- History
- Started 17 years ago, small group
- Peer reviewed publications
- What was the purpose? To contribute to the development of veterinary orthopaedic medicine in the Nordic countries based on science and experiences

- We have organized a open meetings in Finland and Denmark
- We have published articles about arthroscopy in the Nordic veterinary journals
- We have had the privilege to have internationally renowned specialists present lectures for the society

- Times are a-changing - Today hundreds of veterinarians that are doing advanced orthopedic surgery
- USA - a source of information and ideas – we can too! We believe it would be exceptionally valuable to share information within the Nordic countries
- Conditions have changed dramatically with technical facilities and equipment such as CT and arthroscopy
- Changed in another way too. During 2-3 yrs more and more veterinarians work for large chains of clinics. Risk of identifying themselves with the company rather than colleagues in veterinary community. Could cause consequences for the animals and owners.
- Always been a healthy competition - but also been an amazing cohesion among colleagues.
- My experiences
- We believe meeting and bonding together as colleagues generates a better environment for us to be and work in and a humble friendship benefits to decrease conflicts

- The purpose of expanded NOVOS membership could be fourfold (at least)
 1. To create a forum for veterinarians with a common interests and enthusiasm to develop and share experiences in the field of veterinary orthopedic surgery.
 2. To encourage and inspire freshmen surgeons, such as residents and early practitioners to give presentations and to achieve their career goals
 3. To provide a mechanism to improve patient care standards and quality by exchanging information within the society
 4. To break borders and bring veterinary surgeons from the all the Nordic countries together in one specialist community

- Membership benefits
- Access to provide and read information on the NOVOS homepage
- Forum on the homepage for questions?
- Invitation to NOVOS Forum (this meeting)
- Full text online access to Veterinary Orthopedics and Traumatology